

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1,3,4,8-10,12-24,26-30,32-37 and 39-42 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Michael Lazzara on 7/7/10.

Please amend the claims as follows;

1. (Currently Amended) In a financial institution, a method for managing corporate action information including financial investment information of a particular security of at least one entity, said method comprising:

using a computer-implemented corporate action processing system including an electronic server and an electronic database including a data memory storage device, ~~the system programmed for:~~

receiving data associated with at least one corporate action of at least one of said entities;

matching at least a portion of said corporate action data to at least one client of the financial institution;

generating at least one notification including at least a portion of said corporate action data;

performing at least one workflow management activity in connection with generating said notification including said corporate action data;

associating an associated offer category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said associated offer category includes an associated offer that requires surrender of said security;

associating a new source category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said new source category includes a new source announcement that generates updates or discrepancies;

displaying a position status associated with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said position status compares the current status of said corporate action data to the status of said corporate action data when said notification is communicated, and wherein the position status is one of increased, decreased, unchanged and new; and,

generating a list of action items associated with said corporate action data;

generating an end-of-the-day report for displaying actions associated with said corporate action data; and

electronically communicating through a network:

said notification to at least one recipient of said corporate action data;

at least one additional notification to said recipient subsequent to said communicating first said notification; and,

said additional notification to said recipient in association with at least one change made by a user to at least a portion of said corporate action data.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising soliciting a response from said recipient of said notification.

4. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising soliciting a response from said recipient based on a non-response of said recipient to said notification.

5-7. (Canceled).

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising tracking at least a portion of said corporate action data for identifying at least one change in position associated with said portion of said corporate action data.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising generating at least one alert in response to at least one change in at least one eligible position associated with said corporate action data.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said corporate action data includes data associated with a voluntary corporate action.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 ~~44~~, further comprising grouping at least a portion of data included within said end-of-the-day report by a designation selected from the group consisting of a user name, a category, an action type, a CASPR ID, a CUSIP, and a CUSIP description.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising purging at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said portion of said corporate action data is not associated with an eligible position of said financial institution.

14. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising associating a category of incomplete notification with at least a portion of said corporate action data for which said notification is not communicated.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising designating at least a portion of said corporate action data with a status of automatically notify.

16. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising designating at least a portion of said corporate action data in an aged outstanding payments category, wherein said corporate action data includes data associated with a voluntary corporate action.

17. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein said aged outstanding payments category includes a portion of said corporate action data having a processing status one of active status and completed status, wherein a current date is later than a pre-designated expiration date associated with said portion of corporate action data, and wherein a required payment associated with said portion said corporate action data has not been received.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising associating a payable today category with at least a portion of said corporate action data.

19. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising associating an uncovered protects category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said corporate action data includes data associated with a voluntary corporate action.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 19, further comprising associating a covered protect category with at least a portion of said portion of said corporate action data included within said uncovered protects category.

21. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising associating an over-committed category with at least a portion of said corporate action data having at least one position that is less than the total response value for said position.

22. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising associating an under-committed category with at least a portion of said corporate action data having at least one position that is more than the total response value for said position.

23. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising associating a new announcement category with at least a portion of said corporate action data for which said notification has not been sent.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 23, further comprising allowing automatic notification for at least a portion of said portion of said corporate action data included with said new announcement category.

25. (Canceled).

26. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising generating at least one master announcement summary page in association with said corporate action data.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 26, further comprising generating said master announcement summary page once said financial institution identifies the existence of at least one holder eligible to participate in connection with said corporate action data.

28. (Original) The method of Claim 26, further comprising using said master announcement summary page for reviewing at least one change to said corporate action data.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising viewing at least one user assigned to at least a portion of said corporate action data.

30. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising associating a new holders category with at least a portion of said corporate action data having at least one of a new holder and a new position.

31. (Canceled).

32. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising associating a competing offer category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said competing offer category includes a competing offer that requires surrender of said security.

33. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising associating a not fully responded category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said at least one recipient of said corporate action data did not respond to said notification.

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34. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising logging at least one change associated with said corporate action data in an audit log.

35. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising modifying at least one entitlement associated with at least a portion of said corporate action data.

36. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising displaying holder information associated with said corporate action data.

37. (Original) The method of Claim 36, further comprising generating a notification for communication to at least one holder in association with said holder information.

38. (Canceled).

39. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising displaying a response status associated with at least a portion of said corporate action data.

40. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising generating a notification history in association with at least a portion of said corporate action data.

41. (Currently Amended) In a financial institution, a system for managing corporate action information including financial investment information of a particular security of at least one entity, said system comprising:

at least one electronic server programmed ~~configured~~ for receiving data associated with at least one corporate action of at least one of said entities;

at least one software module programmed ~~configured~~ for matching at least a portion of said corporate action data to at least one client of the financial institution;

at least one software module programmed ~~configured~~ for generating at least one notification including at least a portion of said corporate action data;

at least one software module programmed ~~configured~~ for performing at least one workflow management activity in connection with generating said notification including said corporate action data; and

at least one software module programmed for associating an associated offer category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said associated offer category includes an associated offer that requires surrender of said security;

at least one software module programmed for associating a new source category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said new source

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category includes a new source announcement that generates updates or discrepancies;

at least one software module programmed for displaying a position status associated with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said position status compares the current status of said corporate action data to the status of said corporate action data when said notification is communicated, and wherein the position status is one of increased, decreased, unchanged and new;

at least one software module programmed for generating a list of action items associated with said corporate action data;

at least one software module programmed for generating an end-of-the-day report for displaying actions associated with said corporate action data; and

said server programmed ~~configured~~ for:

communicating said notification to at least one recipient of said corporate action data;

communicating at least one additional notification to said recipient subsequent to said communicating first said notification; and

communicating said additional notification to said recipient in association with at least one change made by a user to at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said change made by said user comprises an update to first said notification and is ranked based on the importance of said update[[:]]

~~at least one software module configured for associating an associated offer category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said~~

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~~associated offer category includes an associated offer that requires surrender of said security;~~

~~at least one software module configured for generating a master announcement summary page for reviewing said change to said corporate action data;~~

~~at least one software module configured for associating a new source category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said new source category includes a new source announcement that generates updates or discrepancies; and~~

~~at least one software module configured for displaying a position status associated with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said position status compares the current status of said corporate action data to the status of said corporate action data when said notification is communicated, and,~~

42. (Currently Amended) In a financial institution, a non-transitory computer-readable medium containing executable code for causing an electronic computer to perform a method for managing corporate action information including financial investment information of a particular security of at least one entity, said computer-readable medium comprising:

instructions for receiving data associated with at least one corporate action of at least one of said entities;

instructions for matching at least a portion of said corporate action data to at least one client of the financial institution;

instructions for generating at least one notification including at least a portion of said corporate action data;

instructions for performing at least one workflow management activity in connection with execution of said instructions for generating said notification including said corporate action data;

instructions for associating an associated offer category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said associated offer category includes an associated offer that requires surrender of said security;

instructions for associating a new source category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said new source category includes a new source announcement that generates updates or discrepancies;

instructions for displaying a position status associated with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said position status compares the current status of said corporate action data to the status of said corporate action data when said notification is communicated, and wherein the position status is one of increased, decreased, unchanged and new;

instructions for generating a list of action items associated with said corporate action data;

instructions for generating an end-of-the-day report for displaying actions associated with said corporate action data;

instructions for communicating said notification to at least one recipient of said corporate action data;

instructions for communicating at least one additional notification to said recipient subsequent to said communicating first said notification; and

instructions for communicating said additional notification to said recipient in association with at least one change made by a user to at least a portion of said corporate action data, ~~wherein said change made by said user comprises an update to first said notification and is ranked based on the importance of said update;~~

~~instructions for associating an associated offer category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said associated offer category includes an associated offer that requires surrender of said security;~~

~~instructions for providing a master announcement summary page for reviewing said change to said corporate action data;~~

~~instructions for associating a new source category with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said new source category includes a new source announcement that generates updates or discrepancies; and~~

~~instructions for displaying a position status associated with at least a portion of said corporate action data, wherein said position status compares the current status of said corporate action data to the status of said corporate action data when said notification is communicated.~~

43. (Canceled).

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The relevant Patent literature are;

US Patent Publication 2003/10078794 to Lewis

US Patent Publication 2003/0078794 to Knapp,

US Patent Publication 2001/0034680 to Purcell,

The most relevant Non Patent Literature is;

Fidelity Beefs Up Action Source, Operations Management, p. 4 (1), October 27, 1998,

US Bank Switches to Xcitek Service, Operations Management Catherine Carlson V. 8,
N16 p. 1(2)

Asset Control Enters Into Strategic Arrangement with Fidelity Enterprise Data Systems,

PR Newswire p. 8572, Sept. 12, 2000

The most relevant patent literature,

US Patent Publication 2003/10078794 to Lewis

US Patent Publication 2003/0078794 to Knapp,

US Patent Publication 2001/0034680 to Purcell,

US Patent Publication 2003/10078794 to Lewis discloses a generic corporate action notification process.

US Patent Publication 2003/0078794 to Knapp, teaches that user changes can be the reason for notification.

US Patent Publication 2001/0034680 to Purcell teaches a corporate action notification such as a tender offer which requires surrender of a security.

The most relevant non-patent literature teaches generic corporate notifications

For example the most relevant non patent literature discloses;

Fidelity Beefs Up Action Source, Operations Management, p. 4 (1), October 27, 1998, teaches the ability to notify users about interest payments and pending actions.

US Bank Switches to Xcitek Service, Operations Management Catherine Carlson V. 8, N16 p. 1(2) teaches; system which notifies customers about customers in regards to cost basis and other corporate information.

Asset Control Enters Into Strategic Arrangement with Fidelity Enterprise Data Systems,
PR Newswire p. 8572, Sept. 12, 2000 teaches international investment notification,
including interest payments and incomplete announcements.

The patent and non patent literature fail to teach;
wherein the position status is one of increased, decreased, unchanged and new;
generating a list of action items associated with said corporate action data;
generating an end-of-the-day report for displaying actions associated with said
corporate action data; and electronically communicating through a network:
said notification to at least one recipient of said corporate action data;
at least one additional notification to said recipient subsequent to said communicating
first said notification; and, said additional notification to said recipient in association with
at least one change made by a user to at least a portion of said corporate action data.

(From claim 1, claims 41,42 are similar)

As such, it is the novelty of providing a specialized corporate action data report
indicating the end of day actions and subsequently notifying recipients in
association with at least one change made by a user to at least a portion of the
data.

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In this manner, only interested recipients will be made aware of applicant changes to data to which they were already interested in.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRUCE I. EBERSMAN whose telephone number is (571)270-3442. The examiner can normally be reached on 630am-5pm, Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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